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SUBJECT: PRIVATE CLAIMS AGREEMENTS - AMERICAN MISSION CASE

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1. EMBASSY RECIEVED LETTER DATED OCTOBER 11 FROM HEAD AMERICAN MISSION MCGILL INFORMING IT OF OUTCOME OCTOBER 9 MEETING WITH GENERAL DIRECTOR OF INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATION (REFTEL). CGILL SAID SETTLEMENT WAS REACHED WHICH A) TAX OFFICE CONTENTED ONLY THAT TAX PAYMENTS ON FRINGE BENEFITS SUCH AS HOUSING MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN PAID DURING PERIOD 1939-67; B) MISSION ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WHILE IT WAS UNABLE TO PRODUCE TRASURER'S RECORD OF PAYMENT OR RECEIPTS, IT WAS ABLE TO PRODUCE TEXT OF FORMAL ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE MISSION SHOWING THAT IT HAD FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW AND HAD TAKEN ACTION EARLY IN 1939 TO FULLY COMPLY WITH IT MAKING PAYMENTS INCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS AND DEBITING MISSION PERSONNEL ACCORDINGLY; (C) TAX OFFICE AGREED THAT WHEN THIS DOCUMENTATION IS SUBMITTED IN CERITIFED ARABIC TRANSLATION IT WILL BE ACCEPTED AS EVIDENCE THAT MISSION FULLY COMPLIED WITH THE LAW AND CLAIM FOR BACK TAXES 1939-67 WOULD BE CANCELLED; (D) WITH REGARD TO PAYMENT OF TAXES ON FRINGE BENEFITS SINCE 1967 MISSION CONCEDED THAT BECAUSE OF FORCED DEPARTURE IN JUNE 1967 OF ALL PERSONNEL IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE NEW PERSONNEL WHO ARRIVED IN MID-1968 DUE TO CHANGE IN PROCEDURES AND BASED ON MISUNDERSTANDING OF TAX REQUIREMENTS COULD HAVE OMMITTED FRINGE BENEFITS IN TAX CALCULATIONS;
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AND E) MISSION AGREED THAT IT WOULD ASCERTAIN FACTS AND MISSION

WOULD PAY INCOME TAX OFFICE ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT HAD
BEEN PAID AND WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID IN EACH CASE AS
MISSION POLICY IS TO COMPLY FULLY WITH EGYPTIAN LAWS.

2. REV MCGILL SAID AMERICAN MISSION IS "QUITE SATISFIED WITH
THE RESULTS ACHIEVED" IN THE ABOVE MEETING AND WISHES TO
THANK EMBASSY VERY MUCH FOR ITS HELP IN MAKING POSSIBLE
THIS SETTLEMENT.

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